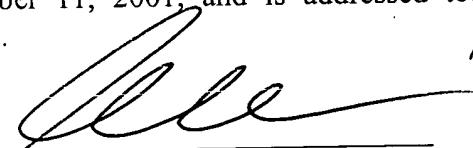




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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 11, 2001:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 153-156.

RESPONSE

The Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-149) drawn to a method for operating a game system, classified in class 463, subclass 16.

Traversal

Applicant respectfully makes the election with traverse because Group I (Claims 1-149) and Group II (Claim 150-152) do not represent distinct inventions and would not impose an undue burden on the examiner to search (i.e., the searches would be co-extensive).

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